

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has restricted the claims into 5 different groups, which include the following: Group I (Claims 1-45, 80-99, 108-144) directed toward methods of making a transcription product; Group II (Claims 46-79) directed toward kits; Group III (Claims 100-104) directed toward methods of attenuating a target gene; Group IV (Claims 105, 106, 145-148) directed toward an RNA or DNA product or host cells comprising said product; and Group V (Claims 150-171) directed toward methods for detecting an analyte in a sample. Applicants hereby elect Group I directed toward methods of making a transcription product without traverse. It is noted that all of the pending claims (1-171) have been cancelled for business reasons to expedite the prosecution of the present application. New Claims 172-205 have been added. New Claims 173-205 are within Group I, which has been elected.

The Examiner has also restricted the claims into groups A-E (based on certain recited SEQ IDs), groups F-G (based on certain recited SEQ IDs) and groups J-M (based on certain recited promoters). Applicants submit that these groups of restrictions are moot as the dependent claims reciting these SEQ IDs and promoters have been cancelled.

Replacement Figures

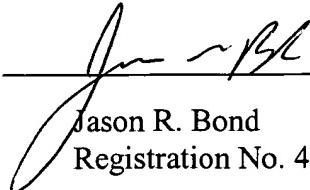
A replacement set of figures is being filed with this communication to replace original figures 1-24. The application related text at the top of each figure has been deleted. In addition, four of the figures have been re-numbered in order to correspond to the text of the application. In particular, Figure 19 was re-numbered as Figure 20; Figure 20 was re-numbered as Figure 22; Figure 21 was re-numbered as Figure 19; and Figure 22 was re-numbered as Figure 21.

Information Disclosure Statement

An information disclosure statement is being filed with this communication. Applicants request that these references be made of reference in this application.

If the Examiner wishes to discuss this case, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned at 608-218-6900 at the Examiner's convenience.

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